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In re Appln. Of: OWADES  
Serial No.: 09/833,924  
Filed: April 12, 2001  
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A MALT BEVERAGE ...  
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Examiner: CURTIS EDWARD SHERRER DOCKET: OW-20

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT B**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Notice of Communication mailed March 17, 2003.

In the Communication, the Examiner deems the Amendment not "fully responsive" for allegedly failing to address the term "agin" (sic). The term "aging" is a term of art well known to those in the beer industry. Moreover, the "age" appears in the claims of many U.S. Patents directed to production of beer or other malt beverages. See, for example, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,304,384, 5,346,706, 5,536,512 and 5,718,161, copies of which are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. It is assumed Examiner Sherrer listed as the Examiner on the '384 and '512 Patents is the same Examiner Sherrer who passed the earlier Patents to issue. Assuming that to be the case, Applicant is confused as to why the term "aging" now is considered to be indefinite.

Reconsideration of the 112 rejection to the term "aging" is respectfully requested.

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